IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (PIL) NO. 1 OF 2006

Edwin Britto ...Petitioner

Versus

Municipal Commissioner and ors. ...Respondents

Mr. R.Z. Moray, instructed by Ms. Monica Sakhrani, for the petitioner.
Mr. K.K. Singhvi, Senior Advocate, with Mrs. P.A. Purandare, for respondent Nos. 1 to 7.
Mr. Pradeep Jadhav, Assistant Government Pleader, for respondent No. 8.

CORAM: **H.S. BEDI, C.J.,** &
V.M. KANADE, J.

DATE: **NOVEMBER 23, 2006**.

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This public interest litigation petition has been filed to take remedial measures with regard to the unauthorised constructions made by the Corporation in the Ward Office of H/West Ward Office which covers Bandra and Khar areas of the city of Mumbai. In the reply filed on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 7, the stand of the Corporation is that the so-called constructions were not in fact new and had been inherited by the Corporation in the reservation made in 1966-67. The learned counsel for the petitioner then points out that, as this was a matter in public interest, appropriate steps be taken to ensure that proper fire

fighting measures are taken in the office as it was frequently visited by the public and also maintained the personal records of many of the citizens living in those areas.

2. Mr. Singhvi, the learned counsel for the Corporation, points out that the Corporation is in the process of preparing plans for a new building and that steps in that direction have already been taken. He further submits that the Corporation would have no objection, if the Fire Officer of the area examines the building and suggests measures for fire safety and fire fighting and that the Corporation would accept those suggestions without any hesitation.

3. In view of the above, no further orders are required to be passed in this PIL. It is accordingly disposed of.

CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M. KANADE, J.